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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Cumberland Farm

other names/site number Delaware Survey # N-5083

**2. Location**

street & number 1500 Pulaski Highway not for publication ☐

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity ☒

state Delaware code DE county New Castle County code 003

zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this \_\_\_\_\_ nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_\_ statewide \_\_\_\_\_ locally. ( \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

\_\_\_\_\_ entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper    Date of Action

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## 5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

NA

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## 6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Animal Facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Animal Facility

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> & early 20<sup>th</sup> century American Movements

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick  
roof Asphalt Shingle  
walls Asphalt Shingle over weatherboard  
  
other Stone

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ NA A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☒ NA B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ NA C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ NA D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture & Social History

Period of Significance: NA

Significant Dates: NA

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

☒ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☐ Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 4.279 Acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

1 18 441260 4385860 3 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_

☒ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Newark state DE zip code 19715

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps: A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs: Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street & Number \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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The property that is the current inhabited remains of the Cumberland Farm consist of a c1940s house that has been enlarged and altered and a mid nineteenth-century cow barn. There were other agricultural buildings on this property but they were either destroyed in a fire or removed as the use of the property changed. The remainder of the property that comprised the Cumberland Farm is vacant land that lies fallow.

The main block of the dwelling is a c1940s two and one-half story, four-square plan, frame building. The house sits on a brick foundation and has a pyramid roof. There is a dormer in the front of the roof. The house has two bays across the front with a side entrance. The door enters into a common parlor with a stair to the second floor. Behind the parlor, there was a kitchen and a dining room.

Soon after the house was built, new owners added the two-story stone addition on the rear of the building. This addition added additional bedrooms and a porch to the house. The stone addition has a flat roof. The rear of the stone addition is marked by a large stone fireplace and hearth.

In the 1970s, new owners added a garage to the front of the four-square portion of the building and a shed-roofed addition to the side of the house by the garage. They also covered the entire house in artificial siding.

The windows in the main block of the house are 3 over 1 double-hung sash. The windows in the stone portion are a mixture of fixed-light windows and modern double-hung sash.

The barn on the property was constructed during the middle of the nineteenth century. It is a braced-frame building with timber sections that are mostly hewn. The sills, plates, and corner posts are all hewn. Some of the support timbers show evidence of circular saw marks. The gable roof is constructed on a principal rafter system. The barn is supported by brick piers which have fallen away in some places to allow the sills to rest directly on the ground.

The original siding is vertical boards that were straight sawn with battens applied over the spaces

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between the boards. Much of this siding has been overlaid with German siding or flat weatherboard. The rafter blades are exposed and show a slight curve at the ends. They may date to the twentieth century and represent an effort to rehabilitate the barn when the silo was installed. The silo is attached to the east side of the barn and is constructed of shaped-shaped concrete panels to produce a round silo with a pyramid roof.

The interior of the barn is divided into animal stalls and feeding areas on the first floor and a hay loft on the upper level. The hay loft on the left or west side is supported by round logs set onto the frame of the barn. The hay loft on the right side is set on circular sawn beams and may have been added after the barn was constructed.

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The Cumberland Farm is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Although the history of the property stretches back to the early nineteenth century, the principal dwelling is an early 1940s replacement of an earlier farmhouse. This replacement building was enlarged first around 1944, and then again in the 1970s. These changes have altered the original scale and orientation of the building and caused it to no longer have sufficient integrity to make it eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The mid-nineteenth century barn associated with the property is intact, but has no long-term historic association with the current dwelling.

For most of the nineteenth century, this farm was a tenant property for William Silver. Silver and his children owned significant amounts of farmland in New Castle Hundred and in Red Lion Hundred, New Castle County. They also owned a number of commercial buildings and operated some of them in the Village of Red Lion. During the period of Silver ownership "tenant farms accounted for approximately half of the farms in the region" (Siders et al. 1991:3). Because this was a tenant property, the owner (William Silver), was not listed as the occupant of the farm in either the 1870 or the 1880 U.S. Agricultural Census for New Castle Hundred. Therefore, no direct information is available for this property as the names of the tenants are not known for this farm. However, the Agricultural Census did reveal that the primary crops for the majority of farms in New Castle Hundred were Indian corn, wheat, oats, potatoes and hay. Many of the farms also produced butter.

The Silver family played a major role in the development of the Red Lion area in the nineteenth century. They owned several farms in the area. Scharf's *History of Delaware* notes that "many changes in the ownership of the valuable lands of this part of the hundred have taken place; but the family of William Silver has been one of the largest holders of real estate since 1820" (Scharf 1888: 851). William Silver lived in Red Lion, where he opened a store, several mechanics shops, and served as postmaster. Later his sons operated the store and mechanics shops, and also served as postmasters in Red Lion. The first school in the area was constructed on the Silver Farm, and in 1819 Mrs. William Silver set aside one acre of land in Red Lion for the construction of The Lebanon M. E. Church (Scharf 1888: 853-854).



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This was primarily a Silver property until recently. William Silver is noted as the owner of the property on the 1849, 1868, and 1881 maps. At that time it consisted of 125 acres, called the Cumberland Farm, and an adjoining 5-acre wooded lot. In 1831, the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike and Rail Road Company purchased approximately three acres from William Silver for the construction of a railroad through the property (New Castle Co. Deed Book N:4). At one point William Silver lost the farm because of debt, but the family reacquired it.

The property was in the Silver family until 1923, when Clarence Mazurie, son of Lizzie May Mazurie who was William Silver's daughter, sold it to James Proud (New Castle Co. Deed Book R:32). According to Helen Astolfi-Webber, who grew-up on an adjoining farm, James Proud and his sister lived in a farmhouse that stood on the property where the current building is located. At this time the property still consisted of the 125-acre Cumberland Farm and adjoining 5-acre wooded lot. The surrounding area was still primarily rural, and therefore the property was most likely still an active farm.

The property changed hands several times after James Proud's ownership. The Brooks owned the property from 1940 to 1942. According to Ms. Astolfi-Webber, they tore down the old farmhouse, which was apparently in poor condition by then, and built the current four-square portion of the building. The Brooks sold all but approximately two acres to the Warriners in 1942 (New Castle Co. Deed Book B:43). Ms. Astolfi-Webber recalled that the Warriners had twins and constructed the stone addition on the southwest façade (which provided a large living room on the first floor and master bedroom upstairs) and a two-story porch on the southeast façade, in order to gain much-needed extra space.

The Warriners had the property surveyed in 1946 and sold all but 7.89 acres to Micuccio Service Co. (New Castle Co. Deed Book N:46). A third survey of the property for Micuccio Service Co. resulted in the current 4.279-acre configuration of the property, which was sold to the Radicks in 1965 (New Castle Co. Deed Book A:76).

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Current owner Gay Corrie and her husband purchased the property from the Radicks in 1968 (New Castle Co. Deed Book B:81). According to Mrs. Corrie, she and her husband made few changes to the property except for adding the garage to the northeast facade, and a shed behind the house. She also reported that two large garages were located at some distance behind the house, but burned soon after they purchased the property.

The large barn on the property appears to have been built as a cow barn in the middle of the nineteenth century. It is a braced frame building with much of the timbers having been hewn rather than sawn. The hay lofts on the right side appear to have been added during the twentieth century while those on the left side appear to be part of the original construction of the barn. There is c 1920s silo on the west side of the barn. Although the barn is not associated with the existing house, the barn cannot, at this time, be determined eligible for the National Register because sufficient data does not exist to interpret the significance of this form of cow barn within the context of the region. A thematic study similar to the study of Northern New Castle County Bank Barns that was done in the late 1980s would clarify the relative significance of this structure.

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1868 *Atlas of the State of Delaware, Map of New Castle Hundred*. Pomeroy and Beers, Philadelphia.

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1881 *Atlas of New Castle County, Delaware*.

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1849 *Map of New Castle County, Delaware from Original Surveys*. Smith and Wister, Philadelphia.

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1993 *St. Georges Quadrangle*

Sources Consulted:

City-County Building, Recorder of Deeds Office

Title Transfers:

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X-16-193  
X-16-196  
Z-22-99  
R-32-50

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S-41-561

B-43-340

N-46-443

A-76-249

B-81-240

City-County Building, Recorder of Wills Office

Wills:

U-2-236

P-4-6

Delaware State Archives, Dover, DE

Wills/Probate:

William Silver 1823-24

William Silver 1895-98

Lizzie May Mazurie 1917-1923

U.S. Bureau of the Census

1870 *Delaware Agricultural Census, New Castle Hundred*

1880 *Delaware Agricultural Census, New Castle Hundred*

Oral Interview

Helen Astolfi-Webber.

1166 Church Road, Bear, DE 19701

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The area used for the evaluation of the architectural elements of this property are the current bounds and acreage of this property which is 4.279 acres.

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Photo Information

The following information applies to all photographs:

1. Name of Property: Cumberland Farm
2. County and State: New Castle County, Delaware
3. Name of Photographer: Stephen DelSordo
4. Date of Photograph: 6/12/00
5. Location of Negatives: Delaware HPO

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- PLATE 2: View of North Facade, Facing South
- PLATE 3: View of West Facade, Facing East
- PLATE 4: Oblique View Taken From Northwest Corner of Property, Facing Southeast
- PLATE 5: Oblique View Taken From Southwest Corner of Property, Showing Original 4-Square Portion, 2-story Stone Addition and Porch Construction on West Facade, as well as Garage Added to East Facade, Facing Northeast
- PLATE 6: View of South Facade, Facing Northwest
- PLATE 7: Photograph of Aerial Photograph of Property Hanging in Family Room; Aerial Photograph Taken Facing North, After Garage Addition
- PLATE 8: Photograph of Picture of Property Hanging in Family Room; Photograph Taken Facing Southwest, Showing Barn and Outbuildings on Property and Showing Property Prior to Garage Addition When Main Entry was on the East Facade, Facing Church Road
- PLATE 9: View of Family Room in Stone Addition on West Facade, Facing West
- PLATE 10: View of East Wall in Family Room, and Doorway into Closet Hall, in Original 4-Square Portion of House, Facing East
- PLATE 11: View of Doorway Between Dining Room and Living Room, Taken From Dining Room, Facing East

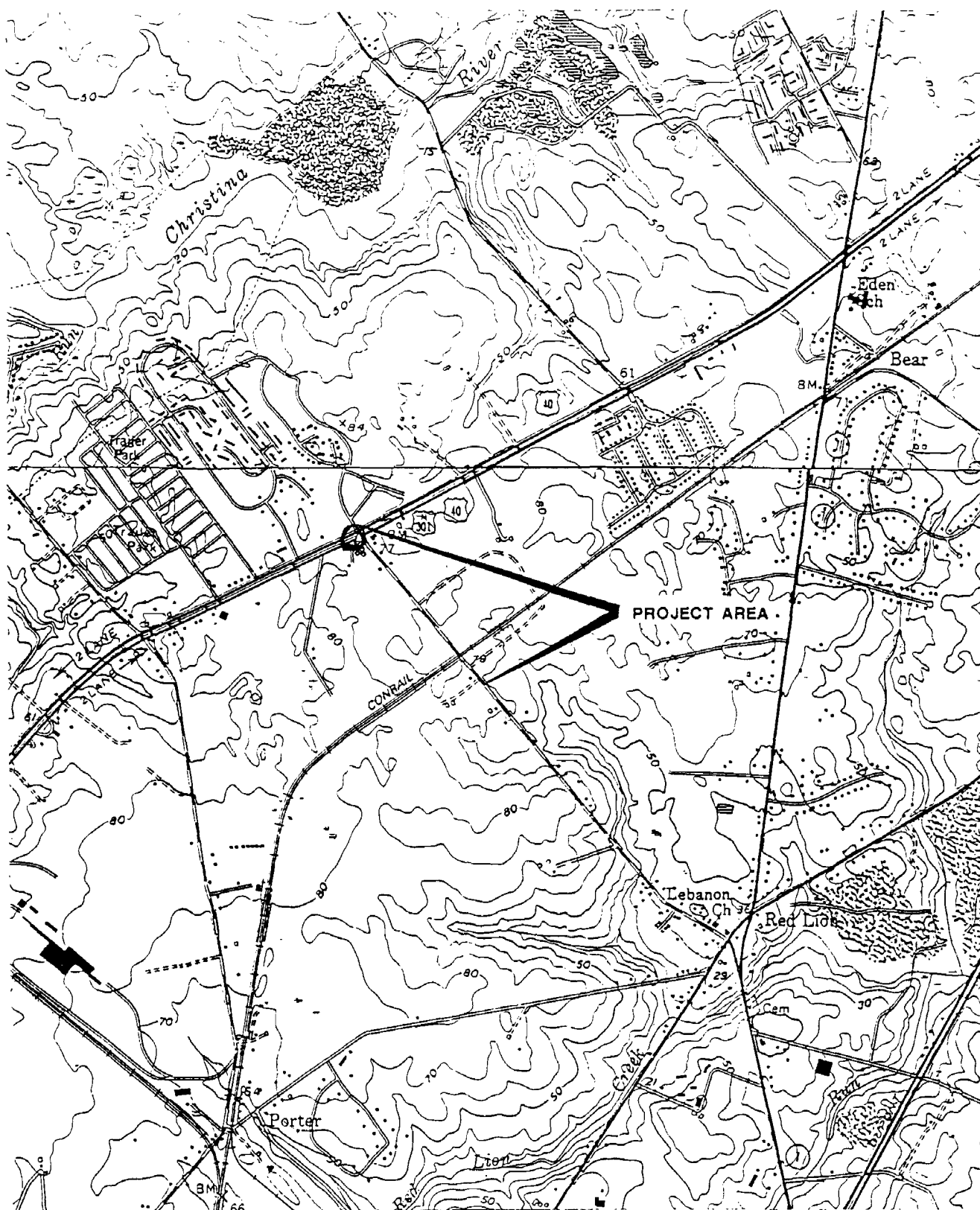
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- PLATE 12: View of Living Room and Stair in Original 4-Square Portion of House, Facing Southeast
- PLATE 13: View of Living Room, Facing Northeast
- PLATE 14: View of Doorway Between Kitchen and Living Room, Facing East
- PLATE 15: View of Stair, Facing South
- PLATE 16: View of First Floor of Porch Addition on South Facade, Facing West
- PLATE 17: View of Northeast Corner of Barn, Facing Southwest
- PLATE 18: View of Barn Entry and Silo, Taken from Northwest Corner, Facing Southeast
- PLATE 19: View of Southwest Corner of Barn, Facing Northeast, with View of Main Dwelling in Background
- PLATE 20: Interior View of Center Bay of Barn, From Main Entry, Facing South
- PLATE 21: View of Barn Framing System, Facing Southeast
- PLATE 22: View of Barn Framing System, Taken From Main Entry, Facing Southeast
- PLATE 23: View of Barn Framing System, Taken From Main Entry, Facing Southwest
- PLATE 24: View of Large Support Beam (Hand-Hewn), Facing West
- PLATE 25: View of Interior of Barn, Facing East
- PLATE 26: View of Barn Roof Framing



SOURCE: USGS NEWARK EAST & ST. GEORGES,  
DEL. QUADRANGLES, 1953, 1985



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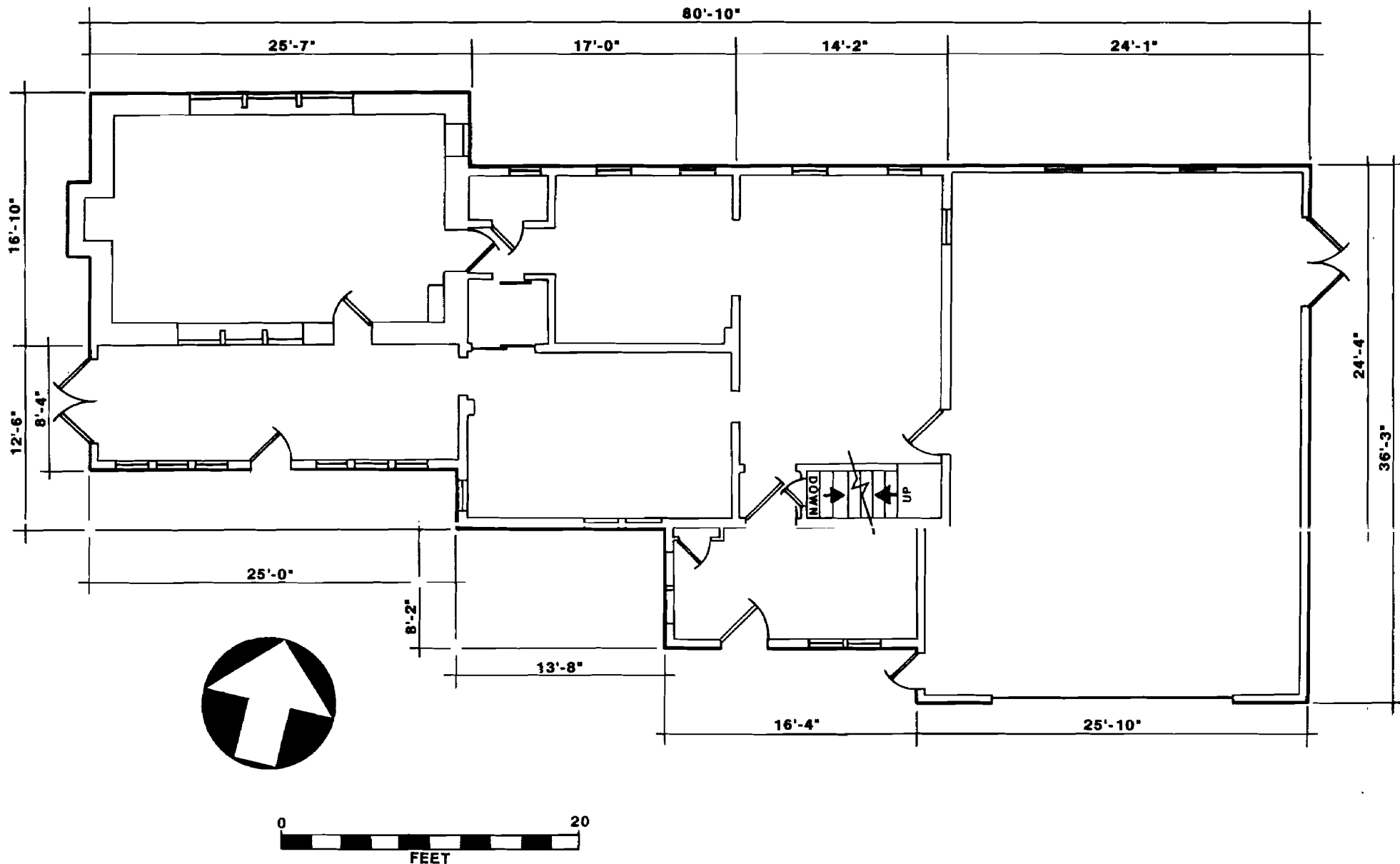
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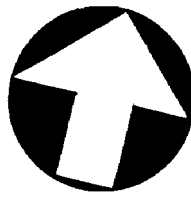
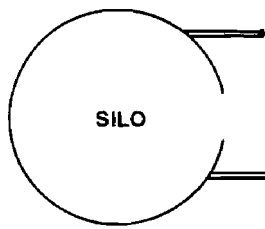
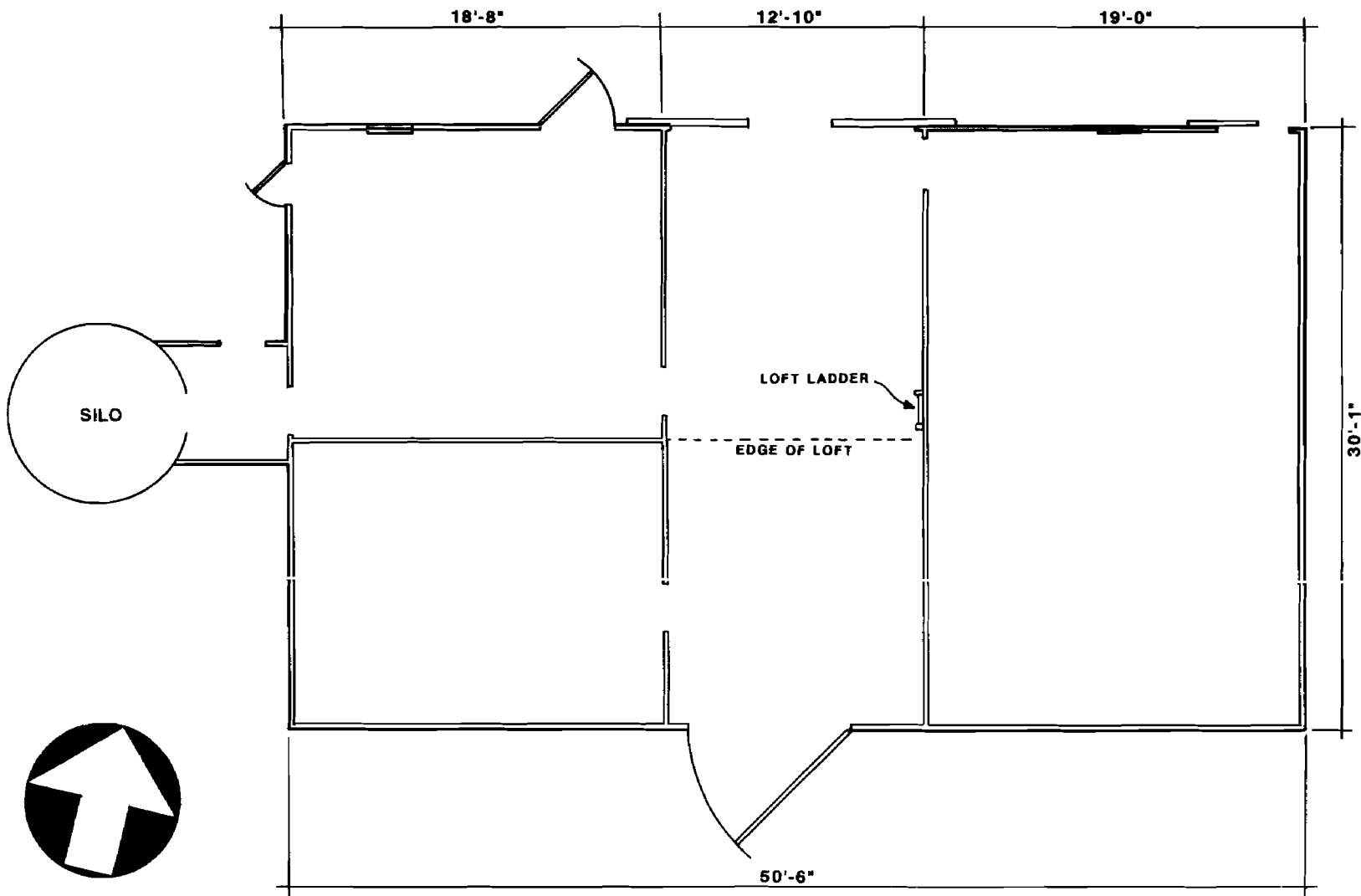
BARN



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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE  
SITE PLAN  
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**NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE**  
**FIRST FLOOR PLAN**  
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